

this section applies to all lands below high-water mark. *Day v. Day*, 22 Md. 539; *Patterson v. Gelston*, 23 Md. 445. See also *Garitee v. Baltimore*, 53 Md. 433.

In view of last clause of this section, adverse possession for twenty years—prior to 1890—of land covered by navigable water confers no title as against the state. *Sollers v. Sollers*, 77 Md. 151.

The only effect of last clause of this section is to restrict powers of commissioner of land office; it is not inconsistent with a license to plant oysters. *Hess v. Muir*, 65 Md. 597; *Phipps v. State*, 22 Md. 380.

For cases dealing with the subject of this section prior to its adoption, see *Patterson v. Gelston*, 23 Md. 447; *Baltimore v. McKim*, 3 Bl. 453; *Chapman v. Hoskins*, 2 Md. Ch. 485; *Ridgely v. Johnson*, 1 Bl. 316, note (f).

Cited but not construed in *Spencer v. Patten*, 84 Md. 426; *Hill v. United States*, 149 U. S. 593; *Ranstead v. The William H. Brinsfield*, 39 Fed. 215.

Cited in *Toy v. Atlantic etc. Co.*, 176 Md. 205.

See notes to secs. 47 and 46.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 49. 1912, sec. 50. 1904, sec. 50. 1904, ch. 282, sec. 1.

49. The governor shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, three citizens of the State, who shall constitute a public records' commission, and who shall serve for two years. They shall serve without pay, save that they may receive their necessary expenses out of the fund hereby appropriated. They shall examine into the condition and completeness of the public records, and report thereon to the general assembly with such recommendations as they may deem expedient for the better custody and arrangement and preservation of the same.¹

As to Hall of Records Commission. See Art. 41, secs. 123-127.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 50. 1912, sec. 51. 1904, sec. 52. 1904, ch. 282, sec. 3.

50. The words public records shall be held to mean any written or printed book, paper, map or drawing which is required by law to be preserved, filed or recorded in any office of the State, or of any county or municipality, or of any officer or employe of the State, or of any county or municipality.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 51. 1912, sec. 52. 1904, sec. 53. 1904, ch. 282, sec. 4.

51. The paper in all books of record in which are preserved manuscript entries required to be made by any officer of State, county or municipality shall be made in linen rags and new cotton clippings well sized with animal sizing and well finished, and that the ink and typewriter ribbon used in such books of records be of a character approved by the commissioner of the land office.

1929, ch. 200.

52. The Commissioner of the Land Office is hereby authorized to demand any record book prior to 1787 from any Clerk of the Court in the State of Maryland, giving a receipt therefor, and for the purpose of copying said record by photographic process, but that said record shall not be kept longer by the said Commissioner than shall be necessary for said purpose, not to exceed sixty days; and shall be returned by said Commissioner to said Clerk of Court, the expense of transportation and insurance to be borne by the Land Office.

¹ As to archives and ancient documents of the province and state published by Md. Historical Society, see acts 1906, ch. 256, 1908, ch. 91 and 1910, ch. 39 (p. 430).

The act of 1914, ch. 57, provides for the further publication of the archives of Maryland; see also the act of 1912, ch. 15.

The act of 1912, ch. 440, provided for the removal of certain old records from the court house of Anne Arundel County to state land office.